

TOPS AS A SCHOOL OF LIFE

To the eyes of the unobservant, the sight of a group of boys spinning tops may have no particular interest. But to the philosophical, this incident of daily life may convey some significance.

In this part of the United States, the sight of boys spinning tops is accepted as one of the fixed signs of spring. Boys almost never play in the fall. But a few breaths of spring air bring them out.

This suggests how humorously fixed the customs of boys are and quite as inflexible as the dictates of fashion to grown-up men and women.

It is a study in human nature to watch a group of boys spinning tops. Four out of five boys will do anything to win. The game is not formal enough to set up an umpire, and youngsters of an aggressive and domineering type get their own way. As these boys are not apt to have a very active feeling for justice, might almost always makes right in the top ring. The boy is not only a gregarious tribal but he is a hero worshiper he must have a leader.

Boys with a keen sense of justice are apt to fare rather hard. This feeling of equity is apt to go with a rather sensitive child nature. Boys of his temperament are much more apt to drop out of the ring and refuse to play than defend their rights with their fists.

Thus these little men of a future day get in the top ring a first foretaste of the wrongs of the wide world. The wise parent encourages his youngster to stick it out, no matter to what grievances he may be subjected. It's a fine thing to win. It is a still finer thing to suffer abuse and to know how to resent it with dignity and force. It's an even finer thing to suffer wrong and keep good natured over it, and wait a settlement some other day. The top ring is quite a little school of life.—The Florence Daily Times.

A Walking Dictionary.

We have all heard of the man who always began his day by opening his Bible and choosing a text at random to guide him for the next twenty-four hours. But there is really another man who begins his day with the dictionary! Anyone who ever meets that man is impressed at once by his command of words, his fluency and the remarkable number of things he seems to know about. What makes his general information more astonishing is the fact that he never went to school beyond the primary grades.

"There is nothing wonderful in it," he told a Companion contributor, "and I have no unusual gifts. My plan of memory training is perfectly simple. For twenty years I have made it a habit to go to the dictionary every morning before I leave home. Afternoon would serve as well, but then I am busy at the office. Night would do as well, too, if I were not mentally tired out by that time. I open the dictionary and select an unfamiliar word, trying to avoid any that are either obsolete or too technical. I read the derivation and definition carefully, and during working hours I try to keep it at the back of my mind, and if an appropriate chance offers, I use it. It is really great fun! After a while you begin to feel your power of expression grow, and I know of no more delightful experience. In the twenty years I have added several thousand words to my vocabulary, some constantly useful, others merely ornamental.

"Then the pictures in the dictionary, small as they are, repay close scrutiny. As for poetry, almost all the poetry I know is from the quotations given to show the use of words. Again, all my knowledge of birds,

animals, and flowers comes from the same source. And yet once, while walking with a naturalist acquaintance, he declared that I had an amazing amount of natural history lore for one who was not a specialist.

"I have been too busy to read many books; the dictionary has become my literature. Let me tell you, as an example, what I hit on this week in my morning consultation. On Monday I learned what the combacillus is—that it causes Asiatic cholera. On Tuesday I discovered the anemometer, an instrument for measuring the wind, saw what it looked like, for its picture appeared in connection with the text, and I learned the inventor's name. On Wednesday I became acquainted with the junco, a bird of the finch family. On Thursday I got a glimpse of Babism, a religious cult I had never heard of, but which, I believe, has made many converts in recent years. On Friday it was a lesson in physiology—the larynx, with several interesting illustrations. This morning I struck the word 'cognomen,' and found out its Roman application.

"When I open at a page that I have seen before, I refresh my mind with an old world and choose a new one. There is nothing to lose in the game, you see. And I prefer my scheme to that fifteen-minute-a-day reading plan in the classics that we hear so much of."—The Youth's Companion.

There's Another Side.

"There's another side," said the minister's wife, softly.

"How do you know?" asked the visitor who had told the discreditable little tale, strictly in confidence, as she had herself learned it in the bosom of the Wednesday afternoon sewing circle. The minister's wife had not been present, and it was only right that she should be put right about this family of newcomers in the parish. "Somethings had come to the ears of the sewing circle that were not—well—not exactly—"

"There's another side!" repeated the minister's wife, not so softly this time. In fact, there was a noticeable little ring of indignation in her tone, which dipped out in a sort of wondering pity as she noticed the challenging look of her caller. "You are glad there is another side, aren't you? Why, of course you are. And you see, I know all about it!"

"You weren't at the meeting!" said the other, stiffly. "If you had been, you—"

"No, I was there—at the house! And I saw—I saw—O, Mrs. Rabbit! if you could have seen what I saw!"

"I saw, too—with my own eyes! That daughter of theirs is an opium—"

"She isn't their daughter, not even relation; not even a friend or a friend's daughter; just a poor girl who had been sick so long and so terribly that the doctors themselves had made her a victim of the opium habit. And they have given up their home—their very lives—to it. They don't say a word about it. I just found it out—with the help of the doctor."

The visitor rose suddenly—almost unceremoniously. For a moment the hostess looked troubled and agitated. Had she spoken too sharply, discourteously, even? Her mind fled back over the interview as she faltered:

"You are not going yet? You—O, you aren't offended at anything I've said?"

"Yes, I'm going. Offended—I? I'm going around to see our ladies, every single one of them!"

"And tell them—"

The minister's wife held her breath for the answer. One may be very bold, but it sometimes takes a great deal to offend "the ladies."

"And tell them," said the caller, gathering her wraps about her, "that beautiful 'other side'!"

"O!" breathed the minister's wife gratefully. "And tell them, won't you, that there always is another side—always—always! And it is our Christian business to try and find it."—Zion's Herald.

May be in Order.

The fly-swapping season is at hand and Uncle Sam may take a swat at the Mexican gad-fly.—The Greenville Piedmont.

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CRUSADE AGAINST CIGARETTES.

Mr. Thos. A. Edison, writing to Henry Ford, under date of April 26, 1914, says:

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Read What Dr. Wiley Has to Say.

When Dr. Harvey W. Wiley was chief of the Federal Bureau of Chemistry at Washington, he had impure food and drug manufacturers on the run all the time. He was unquestionably the leading health and food authority in the United States today. Would you know his opinion of the cigarette?

"I commend Mr. Ford, Mr. Edison and all people who join them in their efforts to curtail or restrict, obliterate or destroy the pernicious habit of cigarette smoking. The use of cigarettes is making inroads on the strength of the nerves of all who smoke them, especially boys of tender years, or women who smoke them because they think the practice is smart. The effect may not be so bad on people of more mature years, but not in any case, no matter how old a man or a woman, is smoking helpful. Besides constituting a nuisance, the financial strain connected with the use of tobacco stands between millions of people and home comforts." "Experience of many years chiefly with boys between the ages of thirteen and nineteen, has persuaded me that all the agencies which make for nonsuccess in high school work the cigarette evil is the most serious with which we have to deal."—Tugalo Tribune.

WOMAN ON THE BATTLEFIELD.

The women on the battlefield, the women in the hospital tent, or hospital buildings, the women who have been returned to their native country for care, are not those who suffer most in time of war.

Suffering is not alone a matter of physical hardships.

The keenest suffering a woman can endure in that which her imagination makes her suffer.

Her home life is broken when husband, brothers, the men of her household, are taken from her.

All the happy routine which made home is broken.

Her leisure is not occupied by thought of hope and anticipation of pleasure. She is not looking for the homecoming. Her anticipation is of fearful news that may, will, come.

She reads the lists of wounded and killed. She watches to see what regiments are engaged in battle. The headlines, "Great Loss of Life in Battle Now Going On!" makes the would turn inky black for her, and the blood recedes from her heart.—Ex.

Honor Roll Camp Creek School.

Following is the honor roll for the Camp Creek school for the month ending April 2, also end of the term Eighth Grade Advanced: Effie Morris.

Eighth Grade (first division): Nettie Roberts, Jazie Roberts, Lee O. Montgomery, Oliver Crenshaw, Maggie Lou Steele (part in 7th).

Sixth Grade: Ruth Montgomery, Eula Mae Steele, Mary Roberts, Ida Steele, Lucy Ogburn (part in 5th), Zennie Ogburn, Jessie Roberts.

Fifth Grade: Josie Montgomery, Nonna Roberts, Nannie Knight.

Fourth Grade: Pauline Montgomery, Souline Graham, Juanita McDaniel.

Third Grade: Maude Steele, Lillian Roberts, Dwight Plyler, Paul Roberts, Ethel Steele.

Second Grade: Louise Sullivan, Mary Lou Blackmon, Pearl Mae Ingram, Wesley Knight, R. A. Williams.

Advanced First Grade: R. J. Helms, Melba Williams.

First Grade: Clarence Steele, Edna Roberts.

The above have successfully passed their examinations and have attended 75 per cent of the time during the month.

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The Hardaway Contracting Company will begin work immediately and the job will be finished by September 1, 1916. There is no reason why there should be any delay at all in starting for the railroad built by the Southern Power Co. when it developed Great Falls and Rocky Creek passes within a few hundred yards of the site. The Hardaway Contracting Company is now about half through with the Lookout Shoal development between Catawba and Iredell Counties in this state and will finish the job this Fall. In the meantime the activity at Fishing Creek will be prosecuted and this plant will be put on in the Fall of next year.

Manana.

When you urge the Mexican to make a business decision and close up the deal, he squirms, shows his teeth and says:

"Manana."

Which means tomorrow.

The habit of mind which makes the Mexican say that has made him a poor man, generally speaking, in the midst of the most profusely productive country in the world.

And there are others. Many of us lose out in life because we put off until tomorrow what we should do today. We say:

Tomorrow I will decide.

Tomorrow I will begin.

Tomorrow I will reform.

Tomorrow I will be happy.

When tomorrow comes we do not decide, we do not begin, we do not reform, we are not happy.

The habit persists. It is fatal to initiative, to resolute action. It becomes easy to say to one's self: Tomorrow I will start the business; tomorrow I will speak the kind word; tomorrow I will cut out the bad habit. When thinking is required, think: when action is required, act.

You may make a mistake. But also you may make a mistake tomorrow. If you make the mistake today there is tomorrow to begin over.

Plunge in! Do not stand shivering on the brink and fear to launch away. The water may be cold, but it will be no warmer tomorrow.

I do not need to tell you how many mistakes you have made, how many chances you have missed, by putting things off. You know.—Selected.

All persons indebted to the estate of S. R. Caskey deceased are hereby notified to settle with the undersigned; and those holding claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same duly verified to me.

J. BART CASKEY,
Administrator Estate of S. R. Caskey.
Feb. 27, 1915. 2wksly-4wks

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